

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, performed by a computer system, for decision support comprising: compiling a plurality of attributes for each respective donor of a plurality of donors; compiling a plurality of attributes of donatable goods respectively for each of the donors; compiling a plurality of attributes for each requester of a plurality of requesters; compiling a plurality of attributes of requests for donatable goods respectively for each of the requesters; associating a particular donor with a particular requester in accordance with an attribute of a donatable good of the particular donor, and an attribute of a request of the particular requester; estimating a tax consequence to the particular donor from donating by the particular donor the donatable good; and providing indicia of the comparative tax consequence in support of a decision whether to donate said goods, or dispose by liquidation sale or dispose by auction sale with or without donation of the proceeds thereof.

2. (Original) A method, performed by a computer system, for decision support comprising: estimating a first tax consequence from selling goods; estimating a second tax consequence from donating the goods; and providing indicia in accordance with the first tax consequence and the second tax consequence in support of a decision whether to donate the goods.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising: associating the goods with a respective planned date for disposition of the goods; and providing the indicia in advance of the planned date.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer automated inventory management system comprising a method for dispositioning aged goods of the inventory, the method comprising providing information to a tax planning system for estimating a the comparative tax consequences of

dispositioning the goods by donation or by liquidation sale, or by auction sale with or without donation of the proceeds thereof, the information being provided at a time in advance of the goods attaining a limit age whether to donate.

5. (Currently Amended) A method, performed by a computer system, for decision support comprising: receiving from an inventory management system information for estimating a tax consequence of dispositioning aged goods of the inventory, the information being received at a time in advance of the goods attaining a limit age; estimating a first tax consequence from selling goods by liquidation; estimating a second tax consequence from donating the goods; estimating a third tax consequence from selling goods by auction and donating the proceeds thereof; ~~and providing indicia in accordance with the first tax consequence.~~

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 further comprising: receiving information from an accounting system for estimating a tax liability in accordance with the second tax consequence.